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THE PRINCE & THE REVOLUTION



PLUS:

WHAT TO DO
WHEN THE
WORLD THINKS
YOU'RE DEAD--
"AFTERLIFE:
PART ONE"
GIVES
KNUCKLES
THE ANSWERS



THIS IS WHAT
IT SOUNDS
LIKE WHEN
MONGEESSE
SING—MINA
DOES HER
OWN MIKE
CHECK IN
"SONGBIRD"





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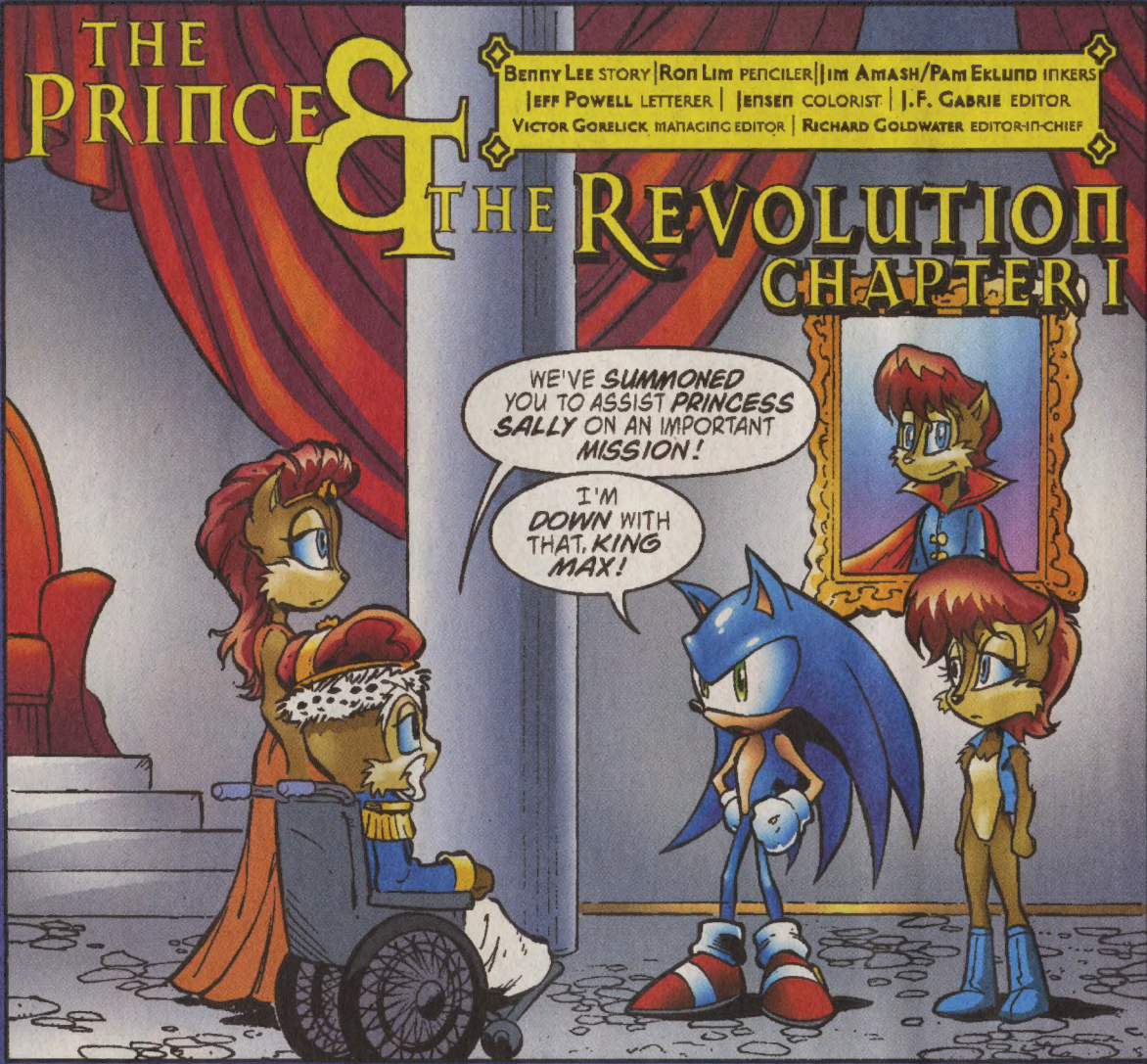
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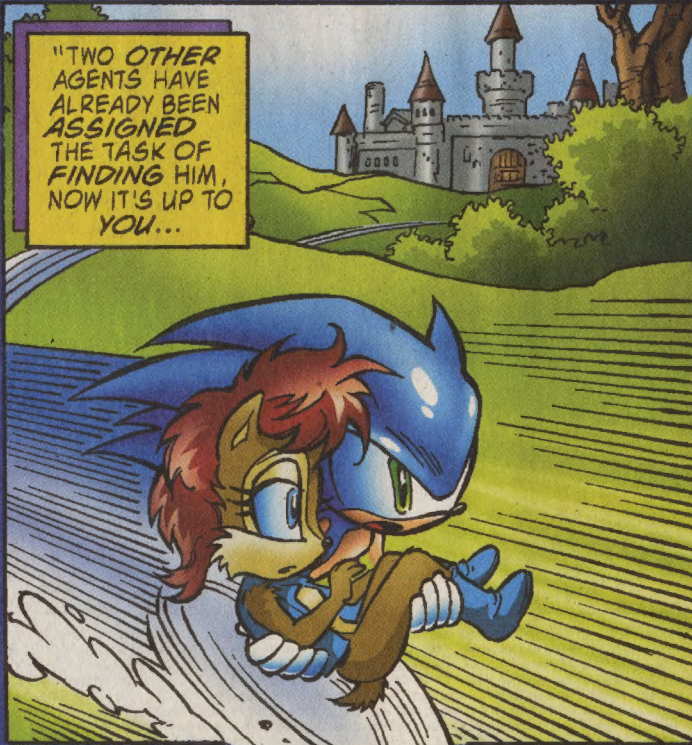


WE'VE SUMMONED YOU TO ASSIST PRINCESS SALLY ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION!

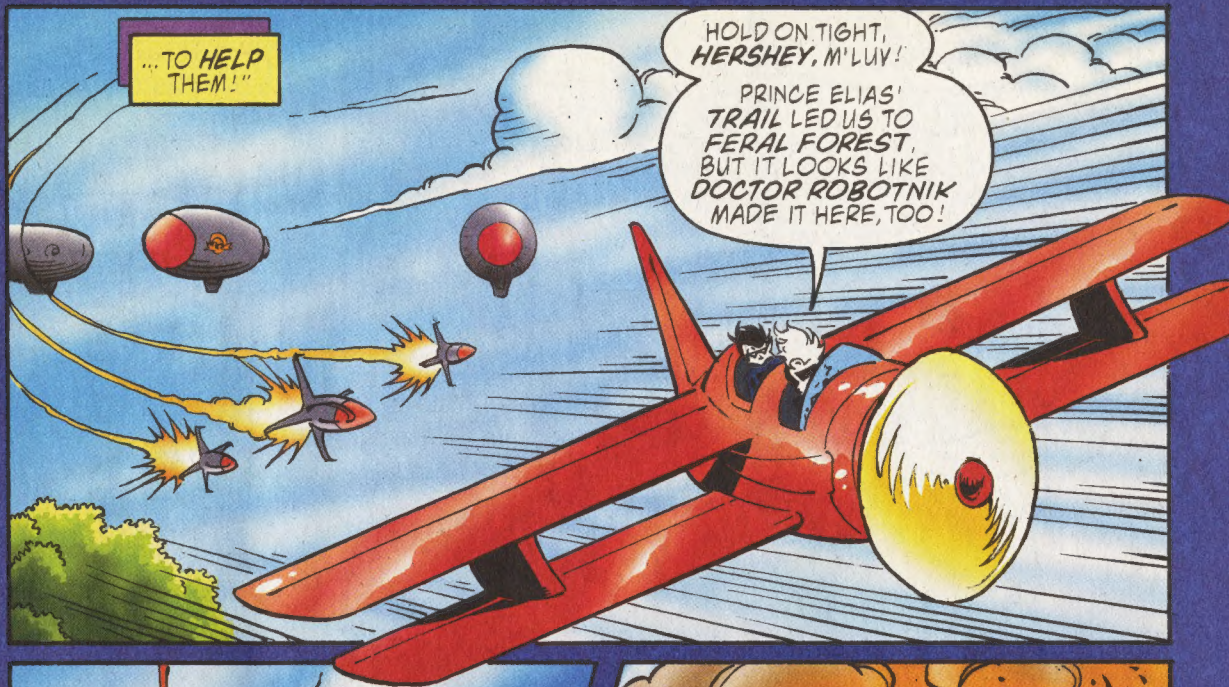
I'M DOWN WITH THAT KING MAX!



QUEEN ALICIA AND I FEEL THAT SALLY'S BROTHER, ELIAS, HAS BEEN AWAY FROM THE KINGDOM FOR FAR TOO LONG.



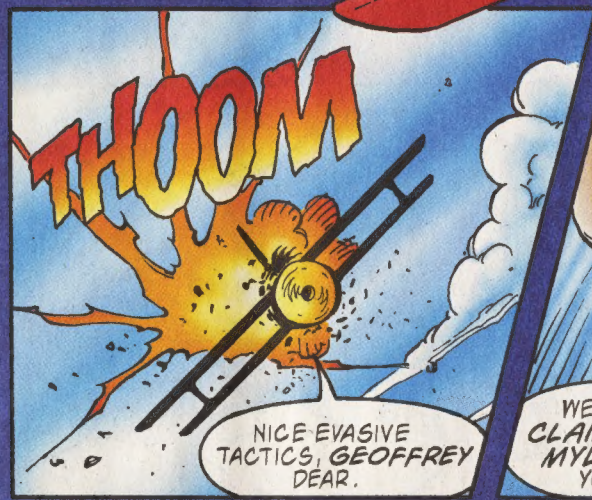
"TWO OTHER AGENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF FINDING HIM, NOW IT'S UP TO YOU..."



...TO HELP THEM!"

HOLD ON TIGHT, HERSHEY, M'LUV!

PRINCE ELIAS' TRAIL LED US TO FERAL FOREST, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK MADE IT HERE, TOO!



THOOM

NICE EVASIVE TACTICS, GEOFFREY DEAR.



WELL, I NEVER CLAIMED TO BE MYLES PROWER, YOU KNOW...



"WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING!"

SO, HOW'S YOUR DAUGHTER DOING, JOSS?

MEG'S DOING REALLY WELL, GRIFFIN, OL' BOY! DOC STORK SAID THE BABY'S GONNA BE HERE ANY DAY NOW AND---



HEY! WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE FOREST FOLK HEADED TO IN SUCH A HURRY?

THERE'S BEEN A PLANE CRASH!

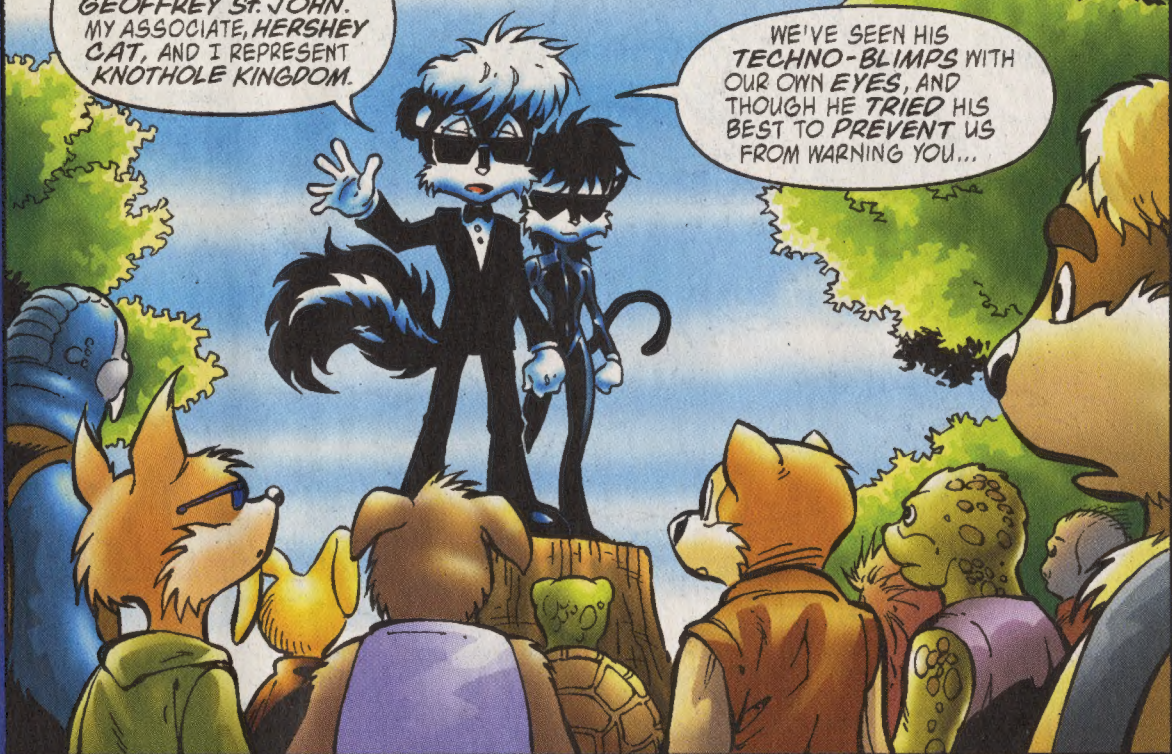


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CHAPTER 2

DENIZENS OF
FERAL FOREST, I AM
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN.
MY ASSOCIATE, HERSHEY
CAT, AND I REPRESENT
KNOTHOLE KINGDOM.

WE'VE SEEN HIS
TECHNO-BLIMPS WITH
OUR OWN EYES, AND
THOUGH HE TRIED HIS
BEST TO PREVENT US
FROM WARNING YOU...



...THE EVIL
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
INTENDS TO **INVADE**
YOUR LANDS!

ARE YOU WILLING
TO STAND AND DEFEND
EVERYTHING YOU
LOVE? WHAT WE'RE
ASKING IS...



...ARE
YOU READY TO
FIGHT?

TYPICAL.







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CHAPTER 3



WHAT
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK
LIKE, MEG? I'M PACKING
OUR BAGS SO WE CAN GET
AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE
AS POSSIBLE.



SO, IS *THIS* THE WAY
THE *HEIR* TO THE THRONE
OF ACORN HANDLES A
STRESSFUL *SITUATION*? BY
RUNNING *AWAY*?

MY PRINCE,
LISTEN TO ME--



I'M SICK
AND TIRED
OF LISTENING TO
YOU!

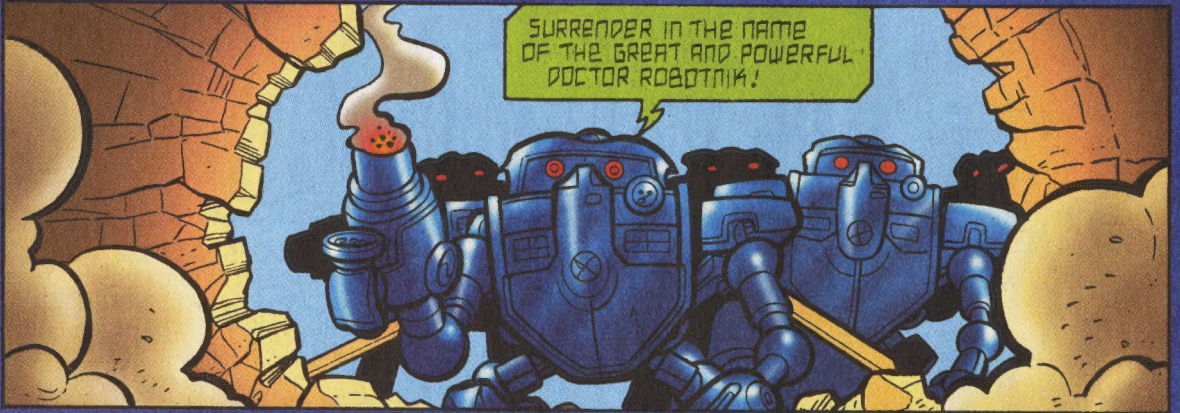
DO YOU HEAR
ME SKUNK? I'M THROUGH
TAKING ORDERS FROM
YOU!



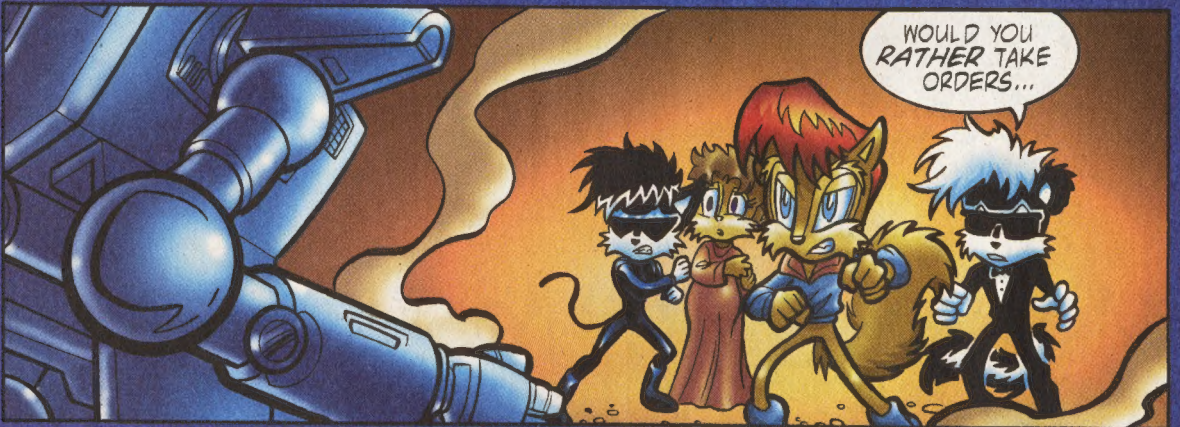
WHOOOM



SURRENDER IN THE NAME
OF THE GREAT AND POWERFUL
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!



WOULD YOU
RATHER TAKE
ORDERS...



FROM
HIM?"





WELL, WELL
TALK ABOUT FINDING
A *SECRET TOY*
SURPRISE IN THE
BOX!



I *INVADE* THIS BACK-
WATER *BURG* OUT IN THE
MIDDLE OF *NOWHERE*, AND
WHO DO MY *E-105* ARMY
CAPTURE?

PRINCE ELIAS ACORN!
SON OF MY *ENEMY*, KING
MAX! BUT WAIT--THE PLOT
SICKENS!



I ALSO GET THE
PRINCE'S *BRIDE* AND MAX'S
UNBORN *GRANDCHILD*
IN THE BARGAIN!

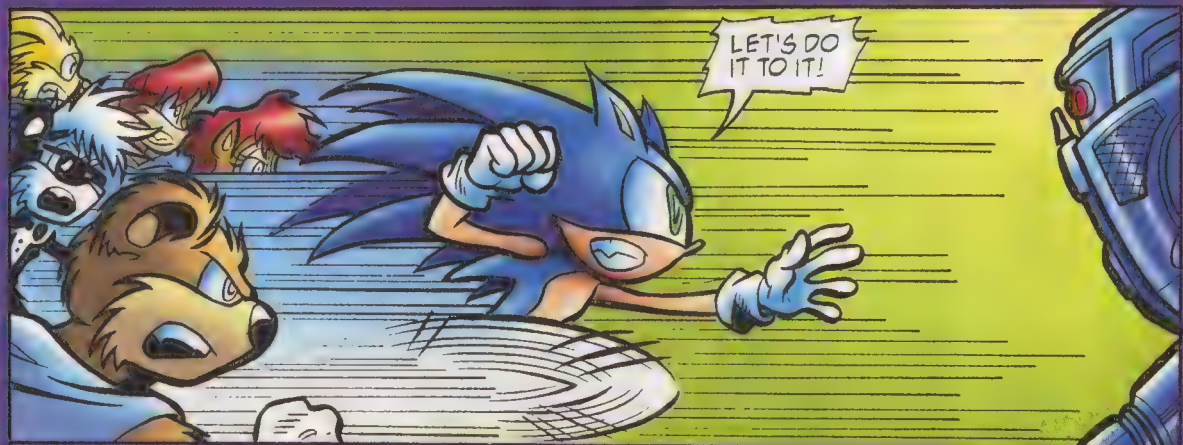
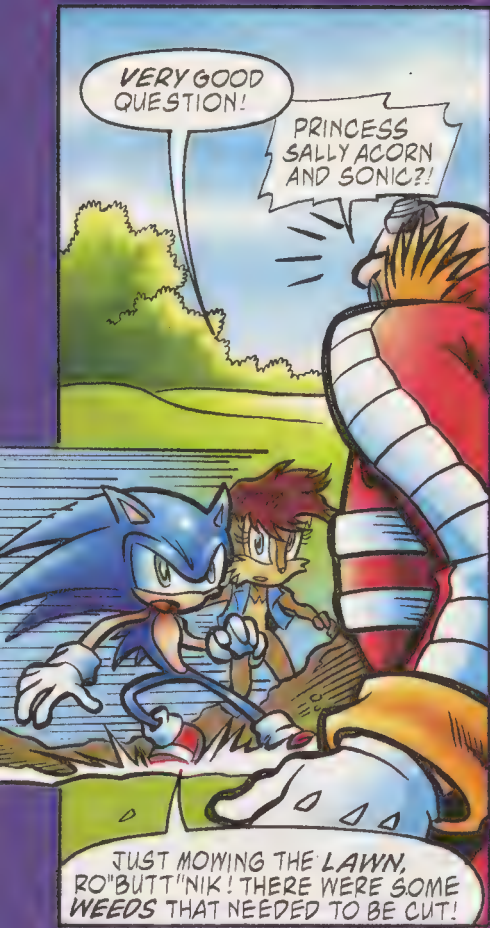


WHO'S
GOT IT *BETTER*
THAN ME?



WHA--?

BZZZT
KRASH KRASH
BZZZT





MUCH, MUCH LATER...

I REALLY HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!



ELIAS! OH HOW I'VE MISSED YOU!

I MISSED YOU TOO, SALLY. SORRY I DIDN'T PROPERLY SAY GOODBYE.

NEVER MIND THAT! YOU'RE MARRIED, EXPECTING A BABY, AND I-- I'M GOING TO BE AN AUNT!

MOM AND DAD WILL BE THRILLED TO SEE YOU!



I'M NOT GOING BACK TO KNOT-HOLE, SALLY. I'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO MY LIFE HERE AS A SIMPLE WOODSMAN.

IT'S THE KIND OF LIFE I WANT FOR MY CHILD.



BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE WOULDN'T LOVE TO HAVE YOU STAY FOR DINNER!



I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK! SO, ARE CHILI-DOGS ON THE MENU?

THE END

WE HAVE GATHERED
HERE TODAY TO PAY FINAL
TRIBUTE AND LAST
RESPECTS TO OUR
FALLEN SON

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

WHO SACRIFICED
HIMSELF FOR THE GOOD
OF THE MANY!

AFTERLIFE

Part One

IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
COMMEMORATE THE DEARLY DEPARTED--
KEN PENDERS- SCRIPT & INKS
ART MAWHINNEY- PENCILS
VICKIE WILLIAMS- LETTERER
J. JENSEN- COLORIST JUSTIN GABRIE-EDITOR
--IN RECALLING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
SEGA'S EMBATTLED ECHIDNA!

AND YET, THOUGH
HIS ACTIONS WERE THE
ULTIMATE MEASURE OF
HIS DEVOTION TO
OTHERS--

I CAN'T
HANDLE THIS,
GUYS!

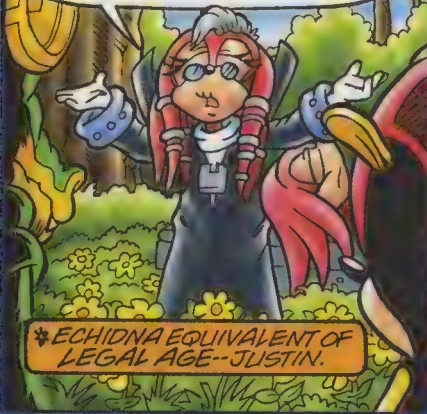
--KNUCKLES
TOUCHED THE LIVES
OF EVERYONE MORE
THAN WE'LL EVER
KNOW!

MY
MAIN
MAN--
HE'S--
HE'S--

IT'S OKAY,
VEC!

AFTER
WHAT HE'S
BEEN THROUGH!

THOUGH ONLY OF REASONING STATUS* A FEW MONTHS AGO, THIS PROUD MAN-CHILD OF ECHIDNAOPHIS EXPERIENCED MORE THAN MOST OTHERS DO IN A LIFETIME!



I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S REALLY--AND TRULY--

--GONE...

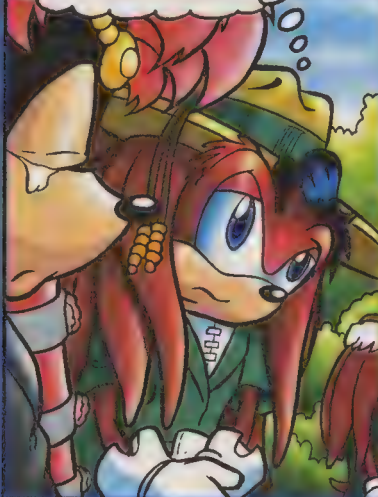


HE WAS OF A NOBLE LINEAGE, THE SEVENTEENTH DEFENDER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD--



--AND GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND--

AND PROBABLY STILL WOULD BE IF I OR MY OFFICERS HAD INTERVENED!



--A SCION OF THE HOUSE OF EDMUND--



--BELOVED SON OF THE FORMER GUARDIAN, LOCKE, AND THE LADY LARA-LE--

OH, WYN!

--SOB--



HERE YOU GO, DARLING!

--A BROTHER, IN THE BROADEST SENSE, TO A SELECT BAND HE TRAVELED WITH--



THE CHAOTIX JUST WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU, KNUX!

--AND A PROTECTOR OF ALL WHO DWELLED IN PEACE UPON THIS LAND!



IT WILL BE A LONG TIME INDEED--



--BEFORE HIS LIKE WALKS AMONG US AGAIN!

THIS IS SO WEIRD--
IF I'M DEAD--



--HOW COME I'M WATCHING MY OWN FUNERAL?;



WE OF THE BROTHERHOOD DO NOT SIMPLY "DIE"--AS YOU SO CRUDELY PUT IT, KNUCKLES!

WE EVOLVE TO A HIGHER PLANE!

BROTHER STEPPENWOLF IS CORRECT!



WE ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHAOS FORCE-- THAT WHICH BINDS ALL TOGETHER!

IF THAT'S SO, HARLAN--



--THEN WHY CAN'T MY GRANDFATHER SABRE SEE ME DO THIS?



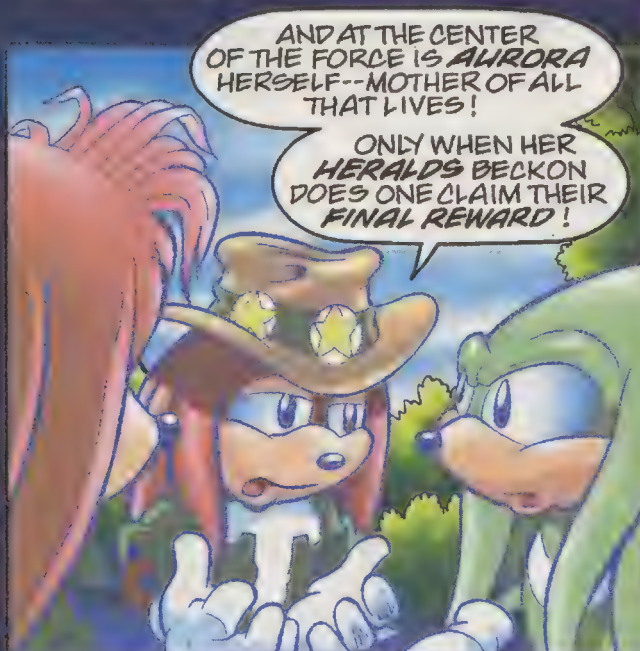
HE IS ON HIS **PLANE OF EXISTENCE**, AS WE ARE ON **OURS!**

BUT JUST AS HE CAN'T SEE YOU, SO TOO CAN'T YOU SEE THOSE ON THE **PLANE BEYOND--**



--THOSE WHICH EXIST WITHIN THE **CHAOS FORCE** ITSELF--

--SUCH AS **BROTHER ATHAIR** AND THE **ANCIENT WALKERS!**



AND AT THE CENTER OF THE **FORCE** IS **AURORA** HERSELF--**MOTHER OF ALL THAT LIVES!**

ONLY WHEN HER **HERALDS** BECKON DOES ONE CLAIM THEIR **FINAL REWARD!**



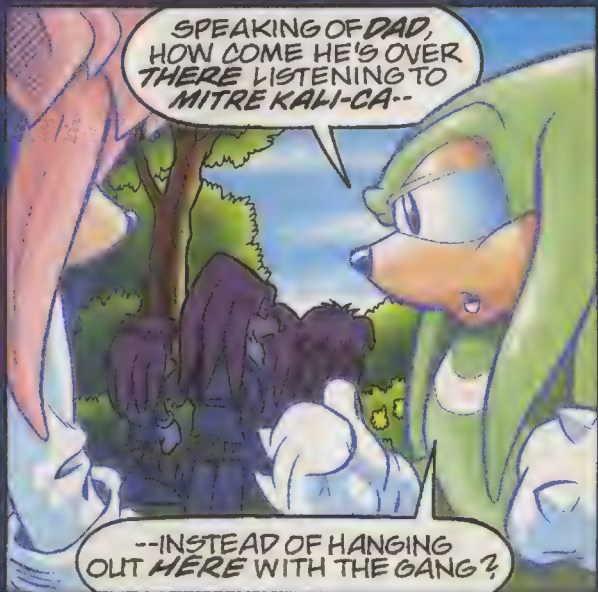
THIS IS WAY TOO **HEAVY** FOR ME, **TOBOR!**

SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING **MOM** TRIED TO TEACH ME ABOUT!



YOUR FATHER WOULD HAVE, BUT HE FELT IT BEST THAT YOU SEEK OUT THE ANSWERS!

HE WAS NEVER ONE TO **IMPOSE** HIS BELIEFS ON OTHERS WITHOUT **FACTS!**



SPEAKING OF **DAD**, HOW COME HE'S OVER THERE LISTENING TO **MITRE KALI-CA--**

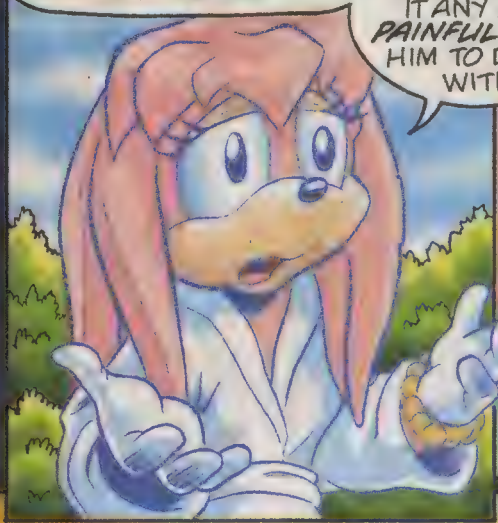
--INSTEAD OF HANGING OUT **HERE** WITH THE **GANG?**

YOUR FATHER MAY BE AWARE OF YOUR NEW STATE OF BEING--

--BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY LESS PAINFUL FOR HIM TO DEAL WITH!

HE WASN'T READY FOR YOUR EVOLUTION JUST YET!

--AND SO SHALL IT BE WRITTEN, SO LET IT BE SAID--



HUH?!

WHAT'S WITH THE LIGHT?

ANYTHING YOU GUYS FORGOT TO TELL ME?!



--THAT AT THE HOUR OF OUR FINAL JUDGEMENT--

--AS THE ANGELS OF AURORA SOUND THEIR CLARION CALL--



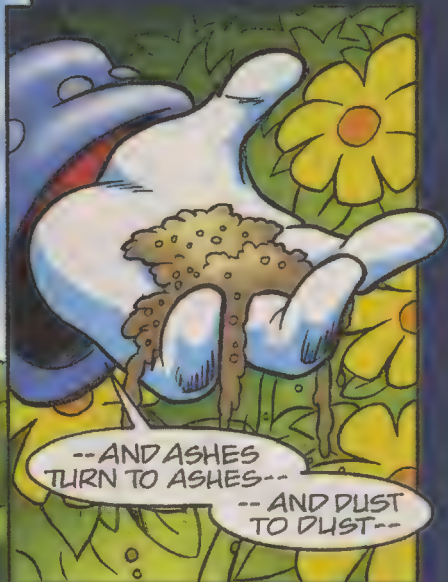
IT'S THE HERALDS, KNUCKLES!

THEY'VE COME TO ESCORT ONE OF US TO THE CHAOS FORCE!



--AND ASHES TURN TO ASHES--

--AND DUST TO DUST--

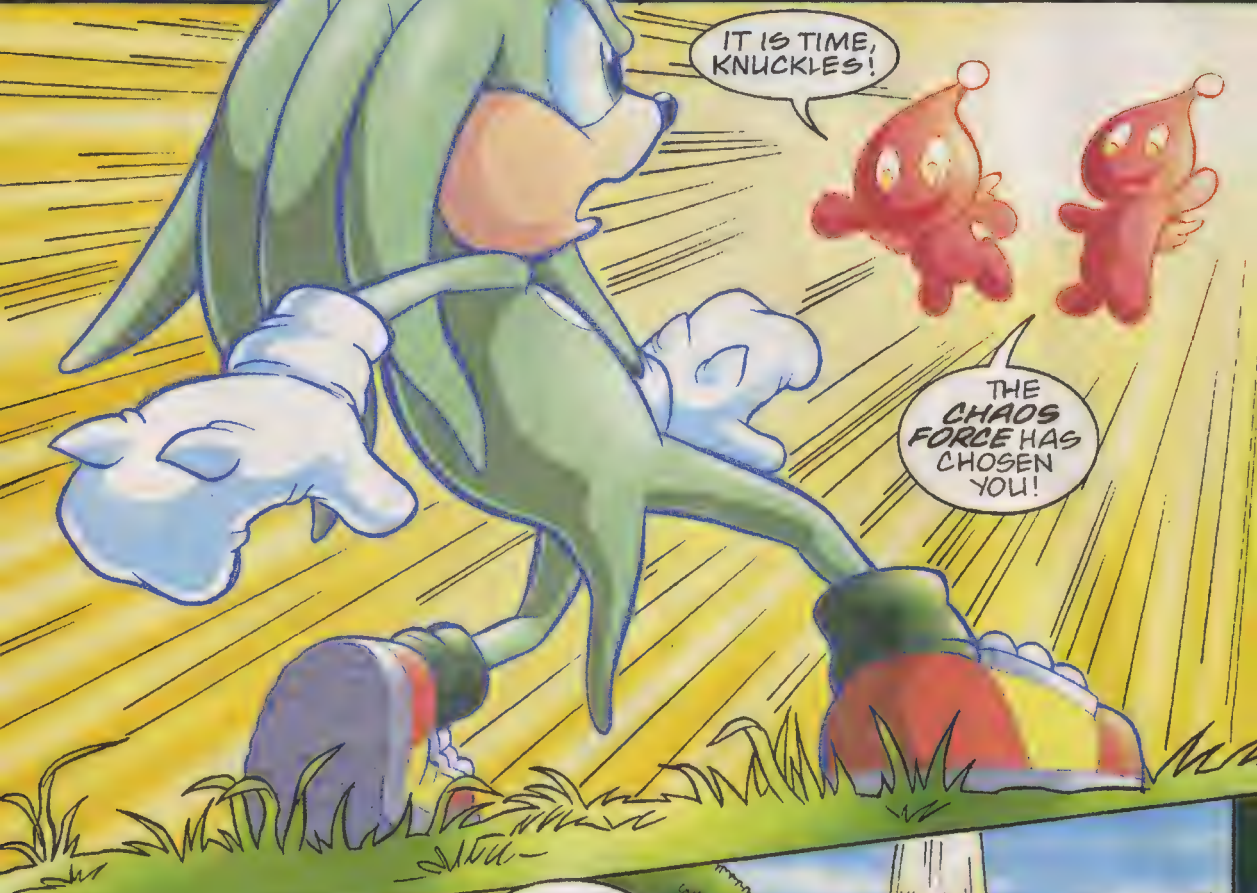


AT LONG LAST, FATHER, YOU SHALL BECOME ONE WITH THE FORCE!

PERHAPS NOT, MOONWATCHER! THEY'RE GESTLIRING TO ANOTHER!



--SHALL KNUCKLES ASCEND TO HIS ETERNAL DESTINY!

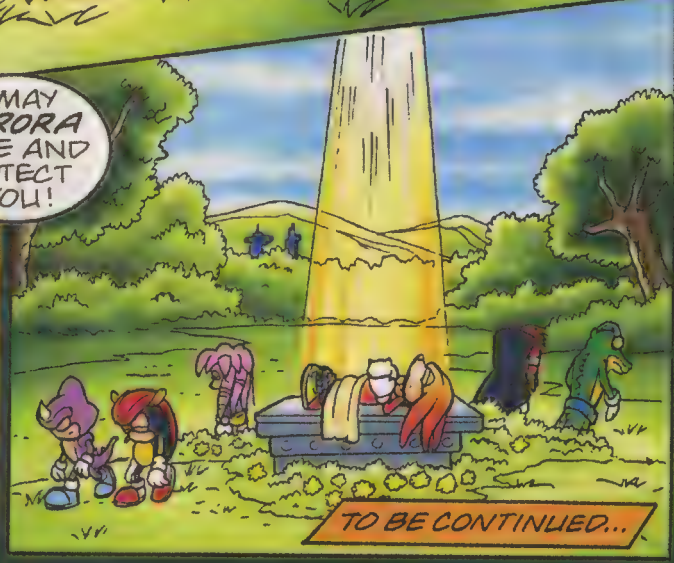


IT IS TIME, KNUCKLES!

THE CHAOS FORCE HAS CHOSEN YOU!



MAY AURORA GUIDE AND PROTECT YOU!



TO BE CONTINUED...

I AM SO NERVOUS.

CAN'T LET ANYONE SEE THAT THOUGH.

JUST SMILE AND RELAX.

C'MON, MINA-GIRL. SPEAK...

Mina, the
mongoose

SONG BIRD

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H-HI EVERYBODY.
UM, THIS IS ACTUALLY
MY FIRST TIME ON
STAGE.

... AND MY
FIRST TIME
IN FRONT OF SO
MANY
PEOPLE.

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE
SONIC VOLUNTEERED ME INTO
THIS!! I COULD KILL THAT HEDGEHOG
IF I DIDN'T LIKE HIM SO MUCH!

WHAT DID
SHE SAY SHE
WAS GOING
TO DO?

SHE
DIDN'T.

HEY, SONIC, WHAT GIVES? WHY'D YOU PUT MINA ON THE SPOT LIKE THAT? SHE LOOKS REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE UP THERE.

* See last issue - JFG

'CUZ, LITTLE BUDDY, I HEARD HER SING. SHE MAY NOT BE MUCH OF A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT OUR MINA'S A REAL SONG BIRD.*

I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING SINCE I LAST SPOKE.

TELL THEM WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SING.

WHAT AM I GOING TO SING?

UH-OH... I'M FREEZING UP.

MY THROAT IS GETTING DRY.

HELP.

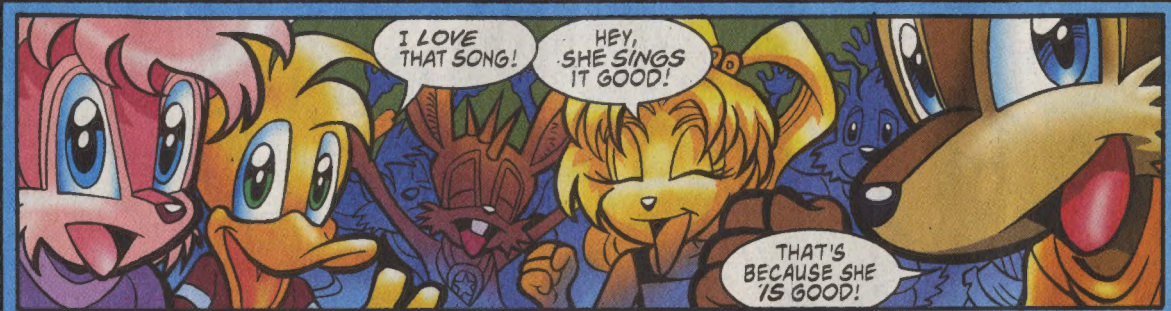
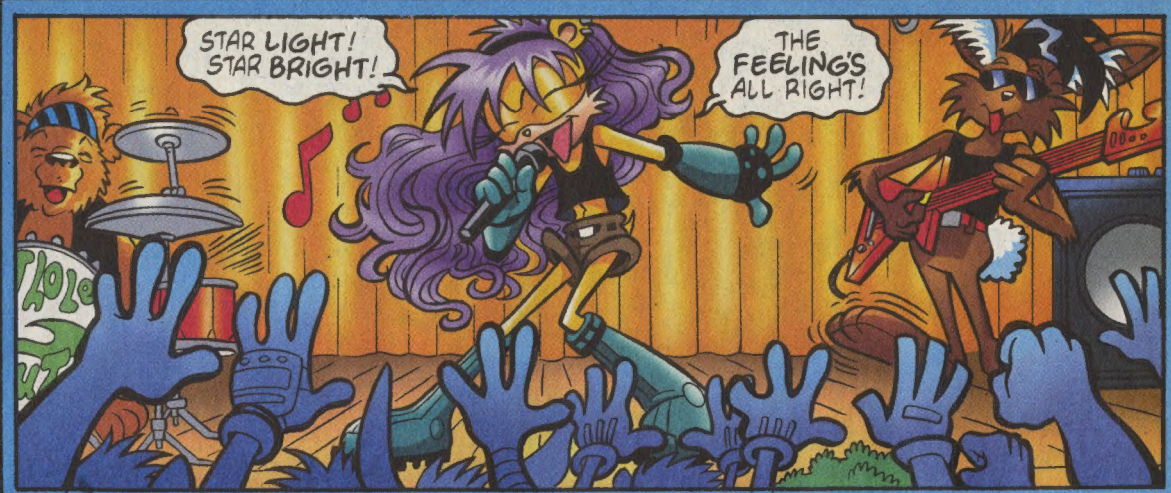
C'MON MINA-GIRL... YOU CAN DO IT!

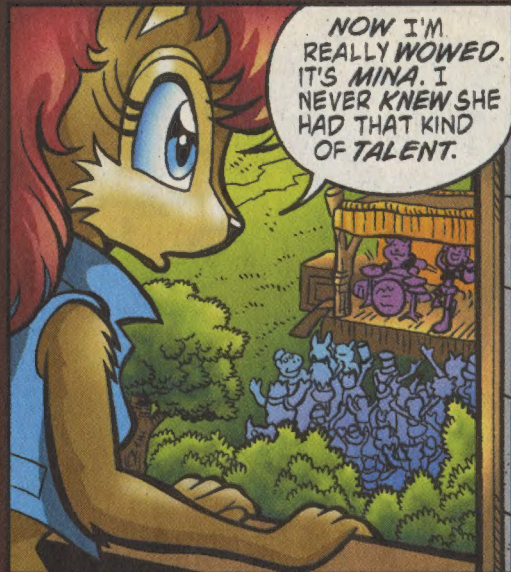
SONIC BELIEVES IN ME.

IF HE BELIEVES IN ME, I SHOULD TOO.

I CAN'T-- WON'T LET HIM DOWN.

ALL RIGHT, BOYS FOLLOW MY LEAD.





**YAY!
ALL RIGHT!**





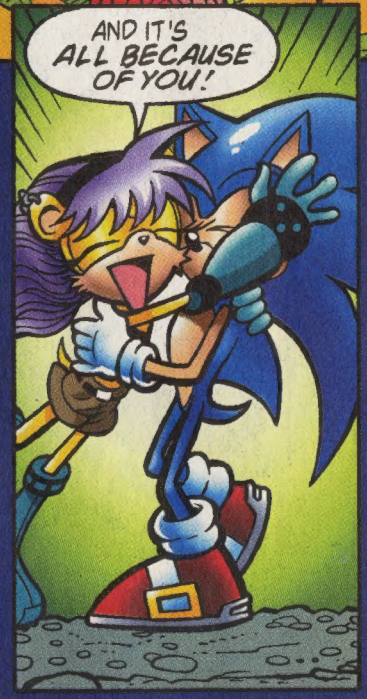
THANK YOU! THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I LOVE YOU!



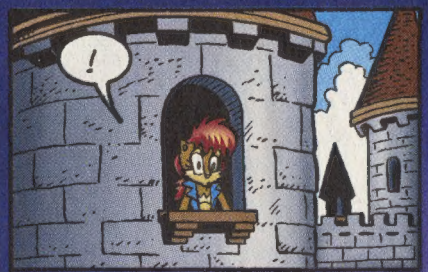
IF ONLY ARTHUR WERE HERE TO SEE OUR LITTLE GIRL. SHE'S ALL GROWN UP NOW.



I DID IT!



AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!



YOU'RE RIGHT, NICOLE... OVERRATED... LET'S GET BACK TO WORK.

The End?